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The important commercial bearing of this conclusion rests in the fact that the railroad terminus and the port are situated in an endemic home of plague. Koch, as a result of his investigations some years ago, added East and Central Africa to the endemic centers of plague, which had been previously mentioned by Dr. J. F. Payne, namely, the district of Assyr in Arabia, parts of Mesopotamia, and Persia; the districts of Garwhal and Kumaon, in the northwestern provinces of India, and Yunnan in China. The endemic focus described by Koch includes the district of Kisiba in German East Africa and extends into Uganda.

Quarantine in the Faroe Islands.—The British consul at Thorshavn, Faroe Islands, reports that notwithstanding the natural salubrity of the islands, situated north of Scotland in mid-ocean, and swept by polar breezes, diphtheria and enteric fever constantly appear in epidemic form in the various villages. Sanitary arrangements are primitive in these communities, but the humanitarian practice is prevalent of having quarantine officers warn fishing vessels that approach the coast of the risk incurred in visiting infected places.

UNITED STATES.

Service assumes temporary charge of injured seamen from gunboat Bennington.

Immediately after the deplorable accident on the United States gunboat *Bennington*, July 21, Passed Assistant Surgeon M. H. Foster, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service, at the request of the commanding officer of the gunboat, assumed care of the wounded ashore at San Diego. Seven temporary acting assistant surgeons were employed and every available facility was afforded for the comfort and treatment of the injured.

Vessels from Panama and Ancon to be fumigated at Angel Island Quarantine, Cal.

JULY 4, 1905.

CUMMING, *Quarantine, Angel Island, Cal.*

Fumigate vessels from Panama and Ancon to kill vermin.

GLENNAN,
Acting Surgeon-General.

[Reports to the Surgeon-General, Public Health and Marine-Hospital Service.]

Yellow fever on steamship Columbia at Mobile Bay quarantine, Ala.

QUARANTINE STATION,
Fort Morgan, Ala., July 24, 1905.

Acting Surgeon-General GLENNAN:

Four yellow steamship *Columbia* at quarantine station, from Colon and Bocas. Vessel and men remanded Ship Island.

GOLDTHWAITE, *Health Officer.*